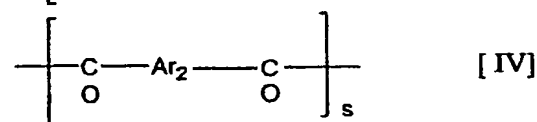
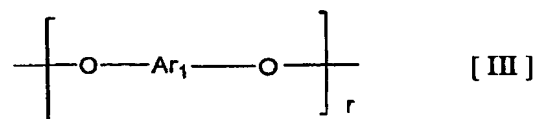
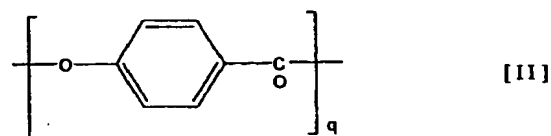
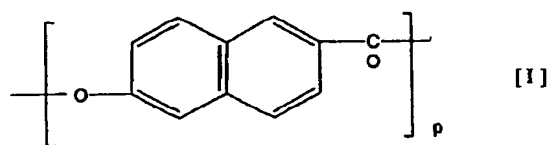


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A liquid-crystalline polyester resin, essentially consisting of the repeating units represented by formulae [I]-[IV]:



wherein Ar₁ and Ar₂ independently represent one or more bivalent aromatic group;

p, q, r and s represent relative molar proportions (mol %) of the repeating units based on the total repeating units represented by formulae [I]-[IV] in the liquid-crystalline polyester resin and satisfy the following formulae:

$$0.4 \leq p/q \leq 2.0,$$

$$2 \leq r \leq 15,$$

$$2 \leq s \leq 15, \text{ and}$$

$$p+q+r+s = 100,$$

provided that the liquid-crystalline polyester resin has a melting point of 190-205°C determined by differential scanning calorimetry.

2. (original): The liquid-crystalline polyester resin according to claim 1, wherein p, q, r and s satisfy the following formulae:

$$35 \leq p \leq 48,$$

$$35 \leq q \leq 48,$$

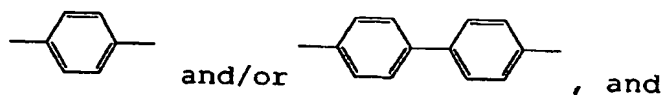
$$2 \leq r \leq 15,$$

$$2 \leq s \leq 15, \text{ and}$$

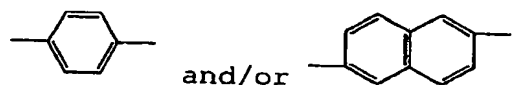
$$p+q+r+s = 100.$$

3. (currently amended): The liquid-crystalline polyester resin according to claim 1 ~~or claim~~ 2, wherein:

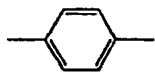
Ar₁ represents:



Ar₂ represents:



4. (currently amended): The liquid-crystalline polyester resin according to claim 1 or ~~claim 2~~, wherein both Ar₁ and Ar₂ represent:

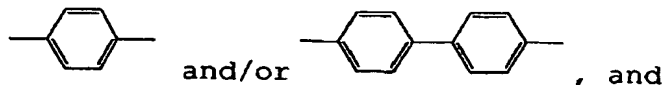


5. (currently amended): A liquid-crystalline polyester resin composition comprising 100 parts by weight of the liquid-crystalline polyester resin according to ~~any one of claims 1-4~~claim 1 and 0.1- 200 parts by weight of one or more of fibrous, plate or particulate filler and/or reinforcement.

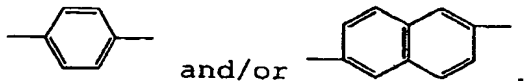
6. (currently amended): A molded article obtained by molding the liquid-crystalline polyester resin or the liquid-crystalline polyester resin composition according to ~~any one of claims 1-5~~claim 1.

7. (new): The liquid-crystalline polyester resin according to claim 2, wherein:

Ar₁ represents:



Ar₂ represents:



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8. (new): 4. The liquid-crystalline polyester resin according to claim 2, wherein both Ar₁ and Ar₂ represent:

